

REMARKS

Claims 25-29 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 objected to Claim 25, rejected Claims 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and rejected Claims 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this preliminary amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 25 and added new Claim 30. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 25

The Final Office Action objected to Claim 25 for misuse of a word. Applicants have amended Claim 25 in order to overcome the objection.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Final Office Action rejected Claim 25 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. The Final Office Action states that Claim 25 includes the phrase “the one GPS unit’s unique software key used to encrypt” does not have proper antecedent basis. Applicants have amended Claim 25 and thus submit that Claim 25 is now definite and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 25-29 as being unpatentable over Behr in view of Hornbuckle. With regards to amended independent Claim 25 and newly submitted independent Claim 30, applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

With respect to independent Claim 25, applicants submit that the unique software key is placed on the electronic card that is then electronically coupled with the GPS unit. Applicants submit that neither Behr or Hornbuckle teach or suggest using an electronic card with the GPS unit. Therefore, Applicants submit that independent Claim 25 is allowable. Because new independent Claim 30 is similar to allowable independent Claim 25, it is allowable for the same



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reason that makes Claim 25 allowable. Because Claims 26-29 depend from allowable independent Claim 25, they are allowable for the same reason that makes Claim 25 allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the Claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the examiner has any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the applicants agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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